

# **Long-Term Disability Insurance**

Benefit Highlights	
State of Arizona	Benefit Options Choice Value Health
What is Long-Term Disability Insurance?	Long-Term Disability Insurance pays you a portion of your Salary if you cannot work because of a disabling illness or injury. The Hartford LTD Insurance is provided at no cost to you by your employer.
	This highlight sheet is an overview of your Long-Term Disability Insurance. A Certificate of Insurance is available at benefitoptions.az.gov to explain your coverage in detail.
Why do I need Long-Term Disability Insurance?	Most accidents and injuries that keep people off the job happen outside the workplace and therefore are not covered by worker's compensation. When you consider that nearly three in 10 workers entering the workforce today will become disabled before retiring <sup>1</sup> , it's protection you won't want to be without.
	<sup>1</sup> Social Security Administration, Fact Sheet 2007.
What is disability?	Disability means that you cannot perform one or more of the essential duties of your occupation due to injury, sickness, pregnancy or other medical condition covered by the policy. After the Elimination Period, disability means that you cannot perform one or more of the essential duties of your occupation due to injury, sickness, pregnancy or other medical condition covered by the policy and, as a result, your current monthly earnings are less than 80% of your pre-disability earnings.
	Your benefit may continue beyond 24 months only if you are prevented from performing one or more of the essential duties of <b>ANY</b> occupation and, as a result, your current monthly earnings are less than 80% of your pre-disability earnings.
Am I eligible?	You are eligible if you are an active employee or officer who is benefit eligible as defined by the Arizona Administrative Code Title 2, Chapter 6 and are not covered by the Arizona State Retirement System Long-Term Disablity plan.
How much coverage would I have?	Benefit Options provides basic Long-Term Disability Insurance that pays you a benefit of 66.67% of your base pay to a maximum of \$10,000 per month.
When can I enroll?	After your initial eligibility waiting period, your employer will automatically enroll you in the Long-Term Disability Insurance; you do not have to enroll.
When is it effective?	Coverage goes into effect subject to the terms and conditions of the policy. You must be Actively at Work with your employer on the day your coverage takes effect.
How long do I have to wait before I can receive my benefit?	You must be disabled for at least 180 days (the Elimination Period) after enrollment before you can receive a Long-Term Disability benefit payment.

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#### Can the duration or Yes. Your benefit duration may be reduced once you reach certain ages specified in the policy. amount of my benefit be In addition, as described below within the Important Details, your monthly Long-Term benefit reduced? may be reduced by other income you receive. How long will my For as long as you remain disabled or until you reach age 65 whichever is sooner. If your disability payments disability occurs at age 62 or older, the duration of your payments will be determined by the continue? table below: Age at disability LTD benefits payable through Age 62 the date the 42nd monthly benefit is payable Age 63 the date the 36th monthly benefit is payable Age 64 the date the 30th monthly benefit is payable Age 65 the date the 24th monthly benefit is payable Age 66 the date the 21st monthly benefit is payable Age 67 the date the 18th monthly benefit is payable Age 68 the date the 15th monthly benefit is payable At age 69 or older the date the 12th monthly benefit is payable

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## **Important Details**

The following is an overview of your Long-Term Disability Insurance. Once a group policy is issued to your employer, a certificate of Insurance will be available to explain your coverage in detail. You can download a PDF copy of the policy from the following website: <a href="http://groupbenefits.thehartford.com/arizona">http://groupbenefits.thehartford.com/arizona</a>.

#### **Exclusions:**

You cannot receive Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit payments for disabilities that are caused or contributed to by:

- War or act of war (declared or not)
- The commission of, or attempt to commit a felony
- An intentionally self-inflicted injury
- Any case where your being engaged in an illegal occupation was a contributing cause to your disability

You must be under the regular care of a physician to receive benefits.

## Mental Illness, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse:

- You can receive benefit payments for Long-Term Disabilities resulting from mental illness, alcoholism and substance abuse for a total
  of 24 months for all disability periods during your lifetime.
- Any period of time that you are confined in a hospital or other facility licensed to provide medical care for mental illness, alcoholism
  and substance abuse does not count toward the 24 month lifetime limit.

# **Pre-existing Conditions**

Your Insurance limits the benefits you can receive for pre-existing conditions. In general, if you were diagnosed or received care for a condition before the effective date of your Insurance, you will be covered for a disability due to that condition only if:

- You have not received treatment for your condition for the length of time specified in the contract before the effective date of your Insurance, or
- You have been insured under this coverage for the length of time specified in the policy prior to your disablity commencing, so you
  can receive benefits even if you're receiving treatment, or
- You have already satisfied the pre-existing condition requirement of your previous insurer.

Your benefit payments will be reduced by other income you receive or are eligible to receive due to your disability, such as:

- 85% of any Social Security Disability Insurance (please see next section for exceptions)
- Workers' Compensation
- Other employer-based Insurance coverage you may have
- Unemployment benefits
- Settlements or judgments for income loss
- Retirement benefits that your employer fully or partially pays for (such as a pension plan)

Your benefit payments will not be reduced by certain kinds of other income, such as:

- Retirement benefits if you were already receiving them before you became disabled
- Retirement benefits that are funded by your after-tax contributions
- Your personal savings, investments, IRAs or Keoghs
- Profit-sharing
- Most personal disability policies
- Social Security increases

This Benefit Highlights Sheet is an overview of the Long-Term Disability Insurance being offered and is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not a contract. It in no way changes or affects the policy as actually issued. Only the Insurance policy issued to the policyholder (your employer) can fully describe all of the provisions, terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of your Insurance coverage. In the event of any difference between the Benefit Highlights Sheet and the Insurance policy, the terms of the Insurance policy apply.

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